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# H. RES. 214

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that small and minority-owned businesses in the United States should be involved in rebuilding Iraq.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (for herself, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. WYNN, Ms. KILPATRICK, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that small and minority-owned businesses in the United States should be involved in rebuilding Iraq.

Whereas Iraq is liberated and is once more in the hands of the citizens of Iraq;

Whereas the citizens of Iraq are once again in control of their own destiny;

Whereas much damage has been done to Iraq, its infrastructure, its environment, and its industrial capacity;

Whereas reconstruction of Iraq's economy is desperately needed;

Whereas small and minority-owned businesses in the United States have expressed interest in helping the Iraqis rebuild their country; and

Whereas small and minority-owned businesses lack the resources to hire lobbyists, international consultants, and former diplomats to represent their interests, and promote their products and services in Iraq; Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-  
2       resentatives that—

3               (1) the United States Government should be ac-  
4       tively involved in promoting United States small and  
5       minority-owned businesses to help rebuild Iraq;

6               (2) the Administrator of the Small Business  
7       Administration, the Secretary of Commerce, the Sec-  
8       retary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the  
9       Administrator of the United States Agency for  
10      International Development should cooperate in pro-  
11      viding assistance to United States small and minor-  
12      ity-owned businesses seeking to become involved in  
13      the rebuilding of Iraq; and

14              (3) the Administrator of the Small Business  
15      Administration should conduct a public information  
16      campaign to advise United States small and minor-  
17      ity-owned businesses with respect to becoming in-  
18      volved in the rebuilding of Iraq.

